

*W. E. Razzell file*



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Dear Dr. Grigg:

I am happy to have, and to respond to, your inquiry about Dr. W. E. Razzell for a position as Research Scientist at the CSIRO.

I knew Dr. Razzell rather intimately, both personally and professionally, during the time that he was at the Syntex Institute for Molecular Biology, 1961-64. Since then I have followed his career at a further distance.

In brief I believe he would be superbly qualified for the position that you have advertised. His training with Khorana is an impeccable base of very sound chemistry. His work on phosphodiesterases is part of the everyday lore of molecular biology. He is an intelligent and creative worker both from the standpoint of the advancement of basic scientific knowledge and looking out for its useful applications. Although he has been out of this immediate game for awhile, I have no doubt at all that a few months refreshment will bring him to parity with other leaders in the field and that you can expect extraordinary accomplishment under his direction.

Yes this is a very strong testimonial and is founded not only on an appreciation for Dr. Razzell's intellectual capabilities but for his overall functioning as a human being. I believe that you would be well served to recruit

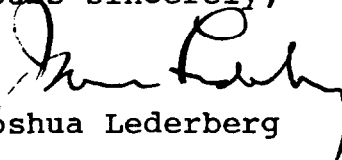
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him and that this would be an excellent position for him to step into at the present stage of his career.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,



Joshua Lederberg

P.S. You will notice that I have relocated from Stanford to The Rockefeller University but with no mitigation of interest in molecular and cell biology!